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Ky Lindberg

Executive Director, HMHBGA

Ky has been a strong advocate for young children and families for more than 15 years. Her commitment to creating equitable access to vital resources for children and families has been present throughout her career spanning from her time supporting Congressman Sander Levin to elevating to leadership roles for Lighthouse Academy, Read to a Child, 313Reads – Detroit's Campaign for Grade Level Reading and LENA Research Foundation. As a person who has experienced generational poverty, inequities in healthcare and ACE's, Ky's "why" is grounded in her life's journey. With the support of her 3 sons, husband and vast HMHBGA "village" she is committed to reducing maternal and infant health disparities because she believes the prioritization of the health of moms and babies is simply the right thing to do.



Rochelle P. Smalls

Senior Executive Director, March of Dimes

Rochelle P. Smalls holds a strong passion for helping others through educational outreach. Her passion has led to a successful career of nearly ten years in the nonprofit industry. In her current role, she serves as the Senior Executive Director for March of Dimes in Georgia supporting various engagement events, and several mission and advocacy initiatives.



Andrea Waterstone

Keynote Speaker

Andrea Ivy Waterstone is a community-based artist, visual arts teacher, yogi, maternal mental health advocate, and the Executive Director of The Mothers Creative. Through her own challenging postpartum psychiatric hospitalization Andrea realized the lack of support or resources for postnatal care. This devastation became her medicine as she used the pain to fuel the creative ideation of The Mothers Creative. It has since become her life's work and biggest passion to bring awareness to the deep need for support and care for new mothers, especially during the COVID pandemic times. She will continue to use her story as fuel for the medicine she is now able to offer the world.

Featured Panelists



Margaret Master, MBA, MPH

Moderator

Margaret Master is a board member of HMHBGA and a research manager at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH), where her work focuses on maternal-child health outcomes. She has consulted on evaluation projects with the Decatur Education Foundation, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Boys and Girls Club of America, and the Atlanta Mission. She also volunteers with HMHBGA on the Advocacy Committee and Workplace Accommodations Committee. She was voted HMHBGA Volunteer of the Year in 2019. Raised in California, Margaret now lives in Decatur with her husband and 3 daughters.



Sen. Tonya Anderson

Sen. Tonya Anderson was first elected to the Georgia State Senate to represent Georgia's 43rd Senate District in 2016. Her district includes parts of DeKalb, Rockdale, and Newton counties. Sen. Anderson currently serves as the Chair of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus (GLBC) and as Secretary of the Senate Special Judiciary Committee. She is also a member of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism, Regulated Industries and Utilities, Reapportionment and Redistricting, MARTOC, and Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committees.



Rep. Sharon Cooper

Born in Houston, Texas, Rep. Sharon Cooper is proud to have called Georgia home for over 39 years. She was first elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 1996 as the State Representative for House District 41 (now House District 43). Today, Rep. Cooper chairs the Health and Human Services Committee, one of the busiest committees in the House. She was also appointed chairman of the Special Committee on Certificate of Need as well as chairman of the Special Committee on Grady Hospital. Rep. Cooper is also a member of the Rules, Judiciary Non-Civil and Regulated Industries committees.

Charlotte Wilen Awards

The Charlotte Wilen Maternal and Infant Health Advocate of the Year Award acknowledges the hard work and efforts of our State's lawmakers to improve maternal and child health through policy change. We are excited to honor five incredible lawmakers who made a positive impact in the 2021 legislative session for maternal and infant health in Georgia.



Rep. Kim Schofield

Rep. Kim Schofield serves the citizens of House District 60, which includes areas of Southeast Atlanta, East Point, College Park, Forest Park and Hapeville. She serves on the Small Business Development, Interstate Cooperation and Health and Human Service committees. As a public servant, Kim lives out her core values of access, action and accountability. She is passionate about addressing issues that impact House District 60, such as access to quality health care, affordable housing, education and protecting senior citizens.



Rep. Houston Gaines

Rep. Houston Gaines is a Republican representing the 117th House District, which includes portions of Barrow, Clarke, Jackson and Oconee counties. Houston works at Cannon Financial Institute, where he serves clients across the country in the financial industry. In the Georgia House, Houston has championed a number of important priorities for House District 117, including legislation targeting human trafficking and domestic violence, as well as legislation to support substance abuse recovery. Houston was named "Champion of Recovery" by the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse for his work on this legislation.



Rep. Bonnie Rich

Rep. Bonnie Rich was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in November of 2018. She has been an attorney and active member of the Georgia State Bar since 1994 and has owned and operated her own law firm, Bonnie Rich Law, LLC, since 2015. During her career Bonnie has used her education and experience to give voice to the voiceless. She has served on the Boards of nonprofit organizations that provide education to children with disabilities, tax law assistance to low-income Georgians, and animal rescues.



Rep. Carolyn Hugley

Rep. Carolyn F. Hugley was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives overwhelmingly, with 80 percent of the votes in 1992. Rep. Hugley has been unopposed and is in her 14th term of office and represents District 136, which includes portions of South East Muscogee County. She has dedicated her public service to children and family issues. In the House of Representatives, she has previously served as Democratic Caucus (Minority) Whip and is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health, as well as the Insurance and Rules committees.



Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick serves as Chairman of the Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee, Ex Officio of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and as a member of the Senate Health and Human Services, Insurance and Labor, and Judiciary Committees. Senator Kirkpatrick has been an orthopaedic hand surgeon in Atlanta for over 30 years and was previously the President of Resurgens Orthopaedics. Senator Kirkpatrick is a District Coordinator for the Medical Association of Georgia's Medical Reserve Corps and is determined to contribute to Georgia's ability to respond to disaster and emergency situations.